Newcastle Antiquarian Society.—The monthly meeting of this society was held on Wednesday week, Mr. John Clayton in the chair. Various donations were received, amongst others, from Mr. William Hutton, all the correspondence, accounts, minute, committee, cash, and other books, list of members, &c., of the British Association for the year 1838, when Newcastle was visited by that body,—in all seventeen volumes, with a condition that in the event of the association again visiting the town access might be had to them for reference, as they included accounts and vouchers for the very large sums of money received and paid by him. A committee was appointed to look at and report upon the collections made by Mr. John Bell, relative to St. Nicholas Church, with a view to their being placed in the library. The evening was concluded by Mr. Bouchier Richardson giving the remainder of his paper on the pestilences which have visited the North of England.

International Commerce.—The decimal system of coinage, weights, and measures used in France, was lately proposed by M. Hippolyte Peut, at a meeting of the Paris Peace Congress, as a great practical instrument or measure for accelerating the substantial brotherhood and unity of the nations. The general adoption of so rational a system, it is thought, "would, with steam navigation, railways, the press, the electric telegraph, free trade, &c., constitute one of the elements of that great revolution which will change the face of Europe and transform it into one vast federal state, something like the American union, and render war no longer possible."

Manchester School of Design.—The annual meeting of this valuable institution was held last week. There was a good audience. Mr. Entwistle presided, and on the platform were the Mayor of Manchester and other gentlemen. A report from the council was read, which spoke hopefully of the institution. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Hammersley, Mr. M'Callum, and Mr. Holding. A number of books was distributed as rewards to students. The drawings for competition were exhibited.

Auctioneers' Fees.—At the Birmingham County Court lately a case was tried, in which Mr. Marlow, the defendant, was sued for payment of 7*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, greater part cash out of pocket, as alleged, in effecting a sale of some property at request of defendant, who attended the auction and put on the reserved bid, which prevented its sale at that time. The plaintiffs, Messrs. Lea, afterwards introduced a Mr. Heath to defendant, and the greater part of the property was sold to him. Defendant urged that he was only the agent for Hill, the landlord, although the ground belonged to him. The magistrate thought the weight of testimony as to the engagement of plaintiffs was in favour of Mr. Marlow's active participation in such engagement. Hill had not been called, nor was Hester, builder, who sold to Hill, examined, and upon the whole merits of the case he should order a verdict for the plaintiffs, and with costs.

Smithfield Market to be abolished.—The Parliamentary Committee on the Bills relating to Smithfield Market have resolved that the preamble of the Bill for providing a commodious market in the suburbs of London in lieu of Smithfield has been proved. The committee refused the corporation the privilege of leading evidence on the details of their plan for its enlargement.

The British Institution.—The present collection here of works of ancient masters is the best that has been made for many years. The famous picture of The Three Marys, is itself worth a journey.

The Interments' Act.—The delay does not rest with the Board of Health. Arrangements are now being made with some of the cemetery companies by arbitration.

Society of Arts.—The conversazione on the 11th was attended by a large number of persons, and glees were sung by Messrs. Francis, Hobbs, Land, Hatton, and Henry Phillips. Some opportunity for conversation at these meetings seems desirable.

Machine Paper-staining.—Messrs. Heywood, Higginbottom, Smith, and Co., of London, have lately succeeded in making some considerable improvements; and they exhibit specimens in Hyde-park. They are enabled, it seems, to work off twenty, or even thirty, colours, by once passing through the machine. The price at which these machine papers can be sold is not the least interesting feature, enabling the poorest cottager in the empire to decorate his home. We understand that one machine is capable of printing 250 pieces, or 3,000 yards, per hour.

Almshouses at Brook-green.—On Wednesday in last week the Countess of Arundel and Surrey laid the first stone of some Roman Catholic almshouses at Brook-green, Hammersmith, to be founded by the Aged Poor Society.

TENDERS

For New Wing to Guy's Hospital. Mr. R. Hawkins Architect.

Smith and Appleford	£33,564
Kelk	31,300
Myers	29,738
Baker and Son	29,650
Cubitt and Co.	29,549
Jay	29,467
Grimsdell	29,998
T. and W. Piper	28,435

For laying the Pottery Pipes for the Sewerage and Iron Pipes for the Water Supply of Rugby.

Brookes, West Bromwich	£8,008
J. Heritage, Warwick	3,980
J. Miller, Stroud	3,400
J. H. Brown, London	3,250
R. Cooper, Macclesfield	2,950
J. Fowler, Rugby	2,936
Holland and Calloway, Coventry	2,900
George Thornton, Brighton	2,529
Lee, Freeman, and Jones, Daventry	2,449
Norman and Booth, Leicester	2,398
J. Aird, London	2,325
Tomlinson and Harper, Derby	1,900
W. Smart, Nottingham	1,851
Sidwell and Cleaver, Birmingham	1,813
Hunt and Roberts, Weeden	1,500
Fielding, Moore, and Co., Leicester	1,147

The Local Board, acting upon the advice of Mr. Bazalgette, their engineer, accepted the tender of Messrs. Hunt and Roberts, for the sewerage, and J. Aird, of London, for the water pipes, the joint amount of the two being 1,660*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* The engineer's estimate was about 3,500*l.*

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*Metropolitan Water Supply.*"—Our article on this subject and some communications are unavoidably postponed.

"E. W." (no imputation was conveyed in our notice: we are unable to insert the letter). "Zeta" (declined with thanks; the MS. is left at office). "F. S. A." (next week). "W. W." (a local Act may give you power, but we are not aware of it). "W. R. H." (we have mislaid it). "J. B.," Cranfield. "J. S." (it must depend on aptitude: some men have begun Greek at 40). "F. M.," "H. H.," "Lord B.," "A. B.," "T. B. L.," "G. G. G.," "J. J. L." (avoid repetitions). "B. B.," "A Subscriber," "E. O. S." (the letter would get Mr. W. a great deal of business). "J. L. J.," "G. B. and Co.," "W. D. H." (rendered unnecessary by a letter of last week). "Ogee" (yes). "H. B. K.," "A. K.," "Quondam," "T. L.," "C. and S.," "W. A.," "Bar" (the matter could easily be arranged: take proper advice before entering into it). "T. P.," "Memo."

"*Books and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—AN ELECTION of FOUR PENSIONERS (three males and one female) will take place on THURSDAY, 31st July, 1851, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street. Candidates may obtain forms of application, &c. from the secretary at the office, 64, New Oxford-street. A. G. HARRIS, Sec.

TO MASTER CARPENTERS, AND OTHERS.

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETY of CARPENTERS and JOINERS, held at the King's Arms Tavern, Marylebone-street, Piccadilly, the last twenty-five years, have REMOVED to the "Coach and Horses," Brewer-street, Golden square, kept by Mr. J. Ware, which house will be denominated their HOUSE OF CALL.

GREAT EXHIBITION.

DOULTON'S TERRA-COTTA and GLAZED DRAIN-PIPES.

Specimens of the above may be seen in Class XXVII., and outside the Building, West end, North side.

Also, a TERRA-COTTA FIGURE of TIME in the Transept.—Drawings and prices, on application, at the Manufactories, Lambeth.

BATHS and CHURCHES.—Many are not yet aware that a good eight-inch hogweed THERMOMETER is now manufactured complete for ONE SHILLING, or with an ingenuity to be adapted [illegible] sale at ONE SHILLING and SIXPENCE. A stronger [illegible] mounted fitted for public baths and churches. A selection may be made from One Thousand Thermometers at BENNETT'S, 65, Cheapside, manufacturer to the Royal Observatory, the Admiralty, and the Board of Ordnance.

ROYAL ACADEMY of ARTS, TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.—The EXHIBITION of the ROYAL ACADEMY is NOW OPEN.—Admission from Eight o'Clock till Seven. One Shilling. Catalogue, One Shilling. J. P. KNIGHT, R.A., Sec.

THE NEW SOCIETY of PAINTERS in WATER COLOURS.—The SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of this Society is now OPEN at their Gallery, 53, Pall-mall, from 9 till dusk. Admission, 1s. JAMES FAHEY, Secretary.

THE LAKE SCENERY of ENGLAND.—A Series of Twenty-five Pictures of the "English Lake District," painted during the last three years, by J. H. PYNE, Esq., is NOW OPEN at Messrs. Graves's Gallery, 6, Pall-mall, which has been arranged for the purpose.—Catalogue, One Shilling each, may be obtained at the Gallery; and of the leading Print-sellers.

COLOSSAL GLOBE.—MR. WYLD'S LARGE MODEL of the EARTH in Leicester-square, is now OPEN to the public from 9 o'clock in the morning. Admission on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 1s., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 2s. 6d.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION and the ROYAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION.—All the most interesting objects in the Great Exhibition will be found, lectured on at the Royal Polytechnic Institution. The present lectures are on the Chemistry of the Minerals and Organic of the Great Exhibition, beginning with Diamonds, Rubies, and Pearls, by J. H. Pepper, Esq., and on Bakewell's Patent Copying Telegraph, by Dr. Bachhoffner.—The Rotation of the Earth, exhibited by Foucault's experiments.—The great mechanic of Cassius by Gas experiment.—A Lecture on the History of the Harp, by Frederick Chatterton, Esq., with Vocal Illustrations.—The Bertin of splendid Dissolving Views.—The Diver and Diving Bell, &c. &c.—Admission, 1s.; Schools, Half-price. Open daily from half-past ten till five, and every evening from seven till half-past ten.

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TO ARCHITECTS.

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